

Joint Capital Planning Committee January 28 2016

Call to order at 9:34 am.

Attending:

Doug Slaughter

Katherine Appy

Rick Hood

Claire McGinnis

Sonia Aldrich

Tamson Ely

Bernie Kubiak

Connie Kruger

Jonathan McCabe

Steve Braun

LSSE:

Linda Chalfant

Barabara Bilz

Nate Valeri

Documents:

Departmental Capital Request Summary FY17-21 LSSE

Individual Capital project requests Form 2

Joint Capital Planning Committee General Fund Five Year Capital Plan

Funding Justification-LSSE Truck and Trailer , including photographs.

JCPC meeting schedule

5 Year Capital Plan Cherry Hill

Departmental Capital Request Summary –LSSE

Doug Slaughter was appointed Chair for a second year by consensus.

Barb Bilz presented capital requests for both Mill River and War Memorial Pools including:

Two Commercial Grade vacuums one for each pool. Important to keep both War Memorial and Mill River pool clean. Currently using an old portable vacuum that

is not working well or effectively. The cost for each vacuum is approximately \$4000.00

Safety and depth marker lines and lane lines need to be replaced. Small pieces of plastic from lane lines are currently breaking off. It has been 15 years since these items have been replaced.

It was asked if these items could be replaced a little at a time with operating budget. The answer was no, the operating budget is very tight and all these items need to be replaced now.

Some talk of future capital projects included lining and resurfacing of the Mill River Pool. There was the possibility of a climbing wall at Mill River Pool coming up in the 2018 capital request. Connie Kruger wondered if this item could be moved up to the 2017 budget. The hope is to maximize recreational use in town and adding something that would be a good addition to recreation in town. Linda Chalfant is going to talk to her board and let JCPC know the outcome of that conversation.

LSSE is requesting an additional \$15,000 to purchase a new pickup truck and trailer. They are currently operating with a very old, rusty truck that they inherited from another town department. Originally it was thought that they could find a used truck with a \$15,000 allocation from last year's capital budget. It has been determined that a truck for this price would not be much better than what they have now. LSSE feels confident that for an additional \$15,000 they could buy a new truck. Bernie Kubiak asked about additional costs for the truck including the price for a new trailer. He urged LSSE to come back to JCPC with a full request taking into account all the capital costs they may require.

The committee then went over the General Fund Five year plan.

It has been determined that this year 8% of the tax levy will be used for capital expenses. This means that the town will have available \$3,147,629 to spend on capital.

Short discussion of Chapter 90 money which is state gas tax money. There are some restrictions on the use of these funds.

The committee then discussed the 4 major capital projects on the horizon for the town. Jones Library renovation, a new fire station, a new DPW building and a new school building. Both the school building and the library project will receive some state funding. The school building is first up as it is being determined by Massachusetts School Building Authority funding and timetable.

There was much discussion about how to pay for all these projects, the timeline of said projects, and the importance of all of them equally for the town.

One option is to have a debt exclusion override vote to fund one or more of these projects.

This topic will be ongoing in future JCPC meetings.

Our next meeting will be Thursday morning Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet at 9am instead of 9:30 as it is an ambitious agenda.

We adjourned at 11:36 am

Minutes submitted by Katherine Appy